

## REMARKS

Claims 18-37 are pending. Claims 1-17 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant respectfully requests an action on the merits.

Please replace Figs. 1-5 with formal drawing Figs. 1-5 enclosed herewith.

Please enter and consider the two references filed in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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